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1. POLITIKA OF APR 2 CARRIES MOST COMPREHENSIVE
PUBLISHED REPORT ON "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE" TO DATE.
DATELINED WASHINGTON, TANJUG DISPATCH ENTITLED "A REVIVAL
OF THE SPIRIT OF YALTA" CONTAINS THE FIRST PUBLIC MENTION
HERE OF EVANS AND NOVAK PASSAGE ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA. TANJUG
SAYS "...SONNENFELDT IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE MADE A STATE-
MENT ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA, WITH THE ADVICE THAT YUGOSLAVIA
IN ITS INDEPENDENT PATH SHOULD BE 'LESS OBNOXIOUS TO
MOSCOW', AND THAT IT SHOULD 'FREE ITSELF OF THE IMPRESSION
THAT IT HAS A FREE RIDE TO INDEPENDENCE WHICH WASHINGTON
GUARANTEES'." IN LINE WITH HEADLINE, ARTICLE SAYS THAT
"WASHINGTON OBSERVERS, ESPECIALLY FROM NON-ALIGNED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," BELIEVE THAT A RETURN TO A SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE POLICY MAY BE AT ISSUE.

2. AS A RESULT OF THIS THE FIRST PUBLIC ATTENTION TO
EVANS AND NOVAK PASSAGE ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA, CHARGE'
INSTRUCTED POLCOUN TO CALL ON AMERICAN DESK OFFICER IN
FOREIGN SECRETARIAT APR 2 TO STRESS CONTINUITY OF US
POLICY, DRAWING ON PARA 24 OF TRANSCRIPT AS
AUTHORIZED REFTEL B. DESK OFFICER SAID THAT POLCOUNS'
PRESENTATION WAS IN FACT REVERSE OF GOY UNDERSTANDING
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OF SONNENFELDT REMARK AND WAS VERY WELCOME. HE ALSO SAID

"ALL OF EUROPE IS TALKING ABOUT THIS," INDICATING THAT
GOY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE AFFAIR.
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